

**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**September 12, 2013**

## **Committee on Equal Opportunities Report**

The Committee on Equal Opportunities hosted a retreat on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) in Frankfort, Kentucky. Following is the status of initiatives, recurring activities, and discussions related to the CEO.

### **Diversity Planning**

The CEO discussed diversity planning and issues for the 2013-14 academic year at their August 22<sup>nd</sup> retreat, including the recent the Supreme Court Ruling and its impact on Kentucky, potential performance funding, closing the achievement gap for diverse, low-income, and underprepared students, and future campus visits.

### **Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program**

The 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference was hosted by Morehead State University, June 11-12, 2013; more than 200 students from across the Commonwealth participated in STEM-H activities and experiments.

Eastern Kentucky University hosted the 26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference, June 28-29, 2013. Approximately 250 students, parents, and college fair representatives participated.

### **SREB Doctoral Scholars Program**

The Council on Postsecondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville reviewed applications for the SREB Doctoral Scholars Fellowship for fall 2013. In 2013-14, a total of 12 students applied (five from the University of Kentucky and seven from the University of Louisville). As a result of state agency budget cuts, the Commonwealth will support only two of the 12 scholars that applied, compared to five in previous years.

As of August 2013, 28 students are matriculating at Kentucky institutions, 32 percent of these students are in the STEM-H areas. Since its start, the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program has produced 71 graduates. Eight of the graduates have earned tenure.

The 2013 SREB Doctoral Scholars Program Institute on Teaching and Mentoring will take place October 31-November 3, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. All scholars are expected to participate. Kentucky's public institutions also have been invited to participate in the

recruitment fair to assist them increase the number of minority faculty at their respective institutions.

### **Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting**

The Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) Core Team members attended the Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting, August 5 - August 7, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The 2013 annual meeting enabled teams from all 13 sites time to work together, network with fellow sites and national partners and meet leaders from national organizations.

The participants engaged in discussions of data review, college enrollment, retention, completion and graduation rates, promising practices, and communication tools and resources. The remaining KLEA meetings will be held September 19 and November 8, 2013.

### **CPE Meeting Dates**

The final CEO meeting for 2013 will be held Monday, October 21, 2013, in Frankfort, Kentucky.